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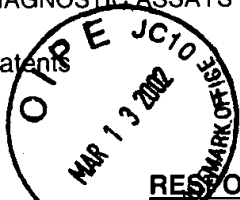
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Title: IMPROVED IMMUNODIAGNOSTIC ASSAYS USING REDUCING AGENTS

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

Fees are attached as calculated below:

Total effective claims after amendment **116** minus highest number
previously paid for **35** (at least 20) = **81** x \$ 18.00 \$ 1458.00

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Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 \$ 0.00

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☐ Submission attached

Subtotal \$ 1738.00

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☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

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